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Venez célébrer « The Spirit of Australia »: Les 3 Prix d'Art : Archibald, Wynne et Sulman

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“L'esprit de l'Australie” translates into English as “The Spirit of Australia” and this is how Australians see the the Art Prizes awarded last week at the Art Gallery of New South Wales (AGNSW).

The best known is the Archibald Prize (portraiture of personalities from the country). This prize is endowed with a scholarship of \$100,000.

The Wynne Prize, awarded with a cash prize of \$50,000, is awarded to the best painting of an Australian landscape or figurative sculpture, while the Sulman Prize (\$40,000) is awarded to the best subject painting project, genre painting or wall painting, of course always on an Australian theme.

This year, there were 57 finalists in this category and artist Julia Gutman won the 2023 Archibald Prize and \$100,000 for her portrait of singer-songwriter Montaigne.

Aged 29, Gutman is one of the youngest winners in the award's 102-year history. It is also the 13th time that the Archibald Prize has been awarded to a woman since its creation in 1921. (see photo)

Caption: Winner Archibald Prize 2023, Julia Gutman 'Head in the sky, feet on the ground', oil, found textiles and embroidery on canvas, 198 x 213.6 cm © the artist, image © Art Gallery of New South Wales, Jenni Carter Sitter: Montaigne



Caption: Winner Wynne Prize 2023, Zaachariaha Fielding 'Inma', acrylic on linen, 306.2 x 198.5 cm © the artist, image © Art Gallery of New South Wales, Jenni Carter



Caption: Winner Sulman Prize 2023, Doris Bush Nungarrayi 'Mamunya ngalyananyi (Monster coming)', acrylic on linen, 198 x 273.5 cm © the artist, image © Art Gallery of New South Wales, Jenni Carter



The 2023 Wynne Prize (41 finalists) was won by artist Zaachariaha Fielding for her painting *Inma*, which depicts the sounds of Mimili, a small Aboriginal community in the eastern part of the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) lands, South Australia .

Fielding was thrilled and said "I feel like dancing right now. Work is music, and I am music. My work is a celebration and also a song in itself and the sound comes from my community. " (see photos)

Aboriginal artist Doris Bush Nungarrayi won the 2023 Sulman Prize (44 finalists) for her painting *Mamunya ngalyananyi (Monsters to Come)*, depicting several Mamus, the sinister and malevolent spirits that terrify Anangu.

Nungarrayi is the second Indigenous artist to win the Sulman Prize.

Mamus or "the cheeky ones", as Nungarrayi calls them, are generally considered to have large haunting eyes, straight standing hair, and can transform into many different forms, including the human figure. Mamus usually hide in underground dwellings or inside hollow trees. (view the photo).

Caption: Wynne winner Zaachariaha Fielding and Yves Hernot



Caption: Yves Hernot and Maud Page Deputy Director, Art Gallery of New South Wales.



Caption: Benquilty FRSN, Archibald winner, 2011.



Caption: Michelle Simmons AO, DistFRSN



Caption: Joanna Mendelssohn FRSN in front of Archibald winner



All Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prize 2023 finalists will be exhibited at the Art Gallery of NSW from May 6 to September 3, 2023. This exhibition will also give you the opportunity to visit the Museum but also the new part of the Gallery recently opened.

The Archibald Prize 2023 will travel to the State of Victoria and the region of New South Wales,
Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery | September 15 – November 5, 2023
South East Center for Contemporary Art, Bega | November 18, 2023 – January 7, 2024
Goulburn Regional Art Gallery | January 19 – March 2, 2024

Hawkesbury Regional Gallery | March 15 – April 28, 2024

Tamworth Regional Gallery | 11 May – 23 June 2024

Glasshouse Port Macquarie | July 5 – August 18, 2024

The 2023 Wynne Prize finalist works will tour regional New South Wales until June 2024.

Bank Art Museum Moree | September 22 – November 19, 2023

Mudgee Arts Precinct | 1 December 2023 – 28 January 2024

New England Regional Art Museum | February 9 – April 7, 2024

Wagga Wagga Art Gallery | April 19 – June 16, 2024

To keep up to date with all things Archibald and to purchase tickets, please visit the AGNSW Gallery website.

Enjoy your visit!

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